

REMARKS

Claims 11, 13-16, 18-20, and 28-50, and 52-55 are now pending in the application. Claims 18, 20, 34-37, and 44 are withdrawn by this amendment. Claims 54-55 are added by this amendment. Claim 51 is canceled by this amendment. Claims 11, 29, and 41 are amended, and Claim 47 is amended into independent format. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview granted with Applicants' representative on November 7, 2007. During the interview the independent claims 11, 29, and 41 were discussed with the Examiner. During the interview, the substance of the current amendments was discussed with the Examiner, and Applicants' representative believes that an agreement was reached that these claims are in condition for allowance at least in light of the referenced art. Applicants' representative also believes that an agreement was reached that the present amendments will be entered prior to any further examination of the subject application.

If all of the claims are not found to be in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' representative prior to mailing any further Actions.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND 103

Claims 11, 13, 19, 20, 28, 32, 33, 39, 41, 42, 48, 49 and 50 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Barrick et al. (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No.

2002/0087101). Claims 16, 17, 38 and 47 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated over Barrick et al. (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0087101). Claims 29, 31, 40 and 43 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated over Barrick et al. Claim 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being anticipated over Barrick et al. in view of Ferre et al. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants note that Claims 14, 15, 45, and 46 have not been indicated as rejected by any of the cited references. Applicants believe, therefore, that these claims are in condition for allowance and request that the Examiner so indicate in any further action.

Applicants submit that each of the outstanding rejections were properly and completely traversed or rendered moot in light of the amendment and response filed September 4, 2007. Applicants request that the Examiner consider Applicants' previously submitted arguments in light of the present amendments to the claims and Applicants do not repeat the same arguments here.

Briefly, however, Applicants submit that support for each of the amendments can be found in the application as filed, including paragraph 69 and the claims as filed.

Applicants further submit that the referenced art, Barrick et al. and Ferre et al., either alone or in combination, do not anticipate or render obvious each of the elements of the pending claims. For example, a body portion and navigation portion, as recited in Claims 11 and 29, is patentable in light of the referenced art. Moreover, a "recess that is complementary in shape to the tracking device", as recited in Claim 41, or a tensioning member, as recited in Claim 47, are patentable in light of the referenced art.

In light of the above, Applicants submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance as all of the outstanding rejections have been overcome or rendered moot.

New Claims

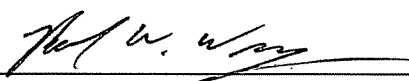
New Claims 54-55 are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by Barrick et al. and Ferre et al. Support for the new Claims can be found throughout the application as filed, including paragraph 69.

Conclusion

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding rejections and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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